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The estimated number of Winnipeggers who have some form of hoarding tendency. The only local group that helps them says they can't continue without additional help from the province. Story in metroNEWS.



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## Family says death was preventable

**HEALTH**  
**Inquest told hospital rushed to discharge Heather Brennan**

The death of a Winnipeg woman who collapsed after being discharged from hospital and sent home in a taxi was preventable, her family's lawyer asserted on Wednesday.

Deryk Coward told the provincial inquest into the death of Heather Brennan that doctors at Seven Oaks Hospital were so intent on discharging the woman, they acted without doing a full round of tests.

"No complete functional assessment was done on Ms. Brennan prior to discharge," he said.

Coward also said that despite continuing health problems, "the momentum for Ms. Brennan's eventual discharge was well underway" a day earlier.

Brennan was 68, severely obese and suffered from a list of problems when she went to the hospital in January 2012.

As she underwent a battery of tests, her vital signs improved. She was eventually sent home after the hospital arranged to have a friend meet her there.

The inquest was told Brennan

**+ FINDINGS**

The inquest, governed by provincial court judge Margaret Wiebe, is to make recommendations to prevent similar deaths. Wiebe is expected to take several months before issuing her findings.

struggled to walk from the taxi to her doorway. She collapsed and was rushed back unconscious to hospital, where she later died.

An autopsy determined that Brennan died from a blood clot in her leg that had not been detected in the hospital.

Brennan's family has said she should not have been discharged because she was still in ill health and was struggling to move around on her own. But hospital officials told the inquest that Brennan had been walking on her own in hospital. They said no one could have predicted her death because it was not connected to any of the ailments for which she sought treatment.

"Had she had some presenting symptoms (of deep vein thrombosis), then some criticism might be levied," Bill Olson, the lawyer for the hospital and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, told the inquest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**CITY**

## Fraud hotline barely being used: Auditor

Administrators say they're concerned the Fraud and Waste Hotline isn't getting a higher number of calls, and they blame the lack of advertising around the service.

At Wednesday's executive policy committee meeting, acting city auditor Brian Mansky said since the hotline was opened in 2012, call numbers have been far lower than expected.

"Definitely the numbers are concerning," said Mansky.

On the city's website, it states the hotline can be used to report things like illegal, fraudulent acts, misuse of city resources and theft of city property or funds.

He said in 2013 the hotline got 16 calls, while it received 10 in 2014, and they are at 14 so far this year.

**90%**

Mansky said 90 per cent of calls to the hotline are what he considers "noise." "They don't have a lot of substance to them," he said.

"So maybe an increased trend for this time of year," said Mansky. "But Winnipeg has experienced a different volume of numbers compared to what we expected after the immediate launch of the hotline."

Mansky said they are now working on a number of ways to get the word out that the service is available. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

**VOLLEYBALL**

## Sport Manitoba asks city to waive fees

Sport Manitoba is asking the city to waive all developmental fees for its \$26-million field house project.

On Wednesday, Sport Manitoba CEO Jeff Hnatiuk made his case to the city's executive policy committee on why it should waive fees such as building permits, inspection fees, street-closure costs and more.

The money saved could be used to offset losses Sport Manitoba will incur as it makes its pitch to have the field house become the official home of the national women's volleyball team, said Hnatiuk.

The team is currently based at the University of Manitoba, but with its contract set to expire in 2017, other cities are now bidding for it.

He said there is site visitation by the team's selection committee scheduled for the end of August, and the committee will meet to make a decision in September.

He said they need an answer from the city within two weeks.

Mayor Brian Bowman said the city has asked administration to figure out what the fee waivers would cost the city.

DAVE BAXTER/METRO



Mayor Brian Bowman told reporters Wednesday the city has no plans to make Winnipeggers shovel sidewalks in front of their homes. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

## Sidewalk snow clearing not being axed: Mayor

**PUBLIC WORKS**

### Bowman tries to quell concerns over idea



Shane Gibson  
Metro | Winnipeg

Mayor Brian Bowman said Wednesday there's no reason to panic at the thought of the city scrapping residential sidewalk snow clearing — and have Winnipeggers do the job instead — because

no one has formally floated the idea before council.

"It's something that has been considered year after year to my understanding, yet there hasn't been a change," Bowman told reporters Wednesday. "There's no report that's being brought to council, nor would I be supporting it at this time."

The idea made headlines after infrastructure renewal and public works chair Coun. Janice Lukes and Brad Sacher, director of public works, publicly discussed the option when the committee met Tuesday.

The snow-clearing policy

change is one of the recommendations made in the city's 20-year cycling and pedestrian strategy, which passed through the public works committee Tuesday, but Bowman stressed there's nothing binding about the document.

"It's simply putting in writing what's been reviewed budget after budget," he said, noting other than the support Lukes seemed to have for the idea, he doesn't know of any other councillors in favour of it. "There hasn't been any discussion on it."

Lukes told Metro after Tuesday's meeting having Winnipeggers shovel sidewalks in front of

their homes could mean savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the city.

"We're one of the very, very few cities that does sidewalk snow removal," she said. "It's good to open the conversation and talk about it."

Bowman acknowledged the idea may be brought up in a review of the city's snow-clearing programs expected in September, but until then he advised Winnipeggers not to rush out to buy new snow shovels just yet.

"We'll look at it when we get that report and we'll make decisions at that time."



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# Frechette finds love with a Yankee on YouTube

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Local musician fell first for violinist's 'intonation'

**Jared Story**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Forget OkCupid or eHarmony — Dan Frechette found love on YouTube.

In May 2012, the Winnipeg singer-songwriter was looking up videos of violinists when he came across California fiddler Laurel Thomsen, a woman who would soon become his musical partner and a little later, his wife.

"There was a really amazing intonation, tone and emotional quality in her violin playing and it prompted me to send her a message to say how much I liked her music. She wrote back, which is a miracle in the cyber world," Frechette said.

Frechette sent Thomsen a copy of his 2005 album *Lucky Day* and the two quickly began a musical



In perfect harmony: husband and wife duo Dan Frechette and Laurel Thomsen. CONTRIBUTED

partnership, Thomsen adding her violin and vocals to recordings Frechette would send her.

The duo didn't meet in person until almost a year later, but like their online relationship, the chemistry was instantaneous. They played their first show at a SoCal pub within 12 hours of getting together.

"I had only seen her on Skype and Facebook and all of a sudden I'm onstage with her playing," Frechette says.

"After the show people



**I had only seen her on Skype and Facebook and all of a sudden I'm onstage with her playing.**

Dan Frechette

were coming up to us asking how long we've been playing together? 'Um, for about five hours.'

"They were blown away because they thought we sounded like we'd been together for ages."

Frechette and Thomsen quickly hit the road together, fell in love and were

married in May 2014, with Frechette since relocating to Santa Cruz.

The duo has already recorded two albums together, 2013's *Dan and Laurel*, and *New Disguise*, which was released in April.

Don't be surprised if their musical catalogue grows quickly.

A songwriting machine, Frechette has penned some 1,300 songs, releasing a whopping 10 albums in 2012. He says his secret is simple: he's always ready when inspiration strikes, even if he's in his pyjamas.

"One time there was a band playing a song in my dream and I was jealous of the song," Frechette says. "It was such a great song, why didn't I write that song? And then I woke up and said 'There it is. It's mine.' That was a really cool experience."

## IN BRIEF

### Council to look at returning Sunday bike route barricades

Less than two months after the city took them down, councillors are considering putting the barricades letting motorists know about Sunday bike routes back up.

The city's public works committee voted unanimously this week to see the barricades returned to Wellington Crescent, Lyndale Drive, Wolseley Avenue and Scotia Street, which are designated cycling routes from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays and holidays during the summer months.

The move comes after Coun. John Orlikow told committee members he's seen fights between motorists and cyclists on Wellington Crescent on Sundays since the city removed the barricades in early May.

The city had hoped more signage and police enforcement of a new bylaw that sees fines of roughly \$185 leveled against drivers who take the routes would mean the barricades were no longer needed.

The plan still needs approval from council. METRO

### First year undergrads to pay more tuition

Some Manitoba first-year university students will pay about \$100 more in tuition this fall.

Undergraduate tuition fees at the universities of Manitoba, Winnipeg and Brandon will jump by the maximum 1.9 per cent in 2015-2016.

The province capped tuition fee increases to the rate of inflation in 2012.

The University of Winnipeg was the last to finalize its budget this week, with first year full-time bachelor of arts students paying \$3,366, or an increase of about \$60. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## + LIVE SHOW

Dan Frechette and Laurel Thomsen play the West End Cultural Centre on Friday, July 3. Jess Rae Ayre of *Sweet Alibi* will open the show. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.



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# MTS package first of its kind in Canada

MTS has launched a first-in-Canada Internet package that puts both your home Internet and wireless data usage into one plan with one price point.

The new package, called MTS Total Internet, allows wireless data and Internet access anywhere on MTS networks on any device and offers the ability to turn smartphones into personal mobile hotspots to connect a tablet, laptop or gaming device to the Internet without additional charges.

"When we did this we really started by looking at what are

customers needs and what are they telling us and how can we do something from a design perspective that is really customer focused," said MTS vice-president of brand and consumer marketing Paul Norris. "It makes for a real easy experience for the customer."

The plan starts at \$60 a month for one smartphone and goes up to \$160 for five phones.

Customers wanting to add text and talk to their smartphone will have to tack on between \$30 to just over \$40 for the service, but a representative from MTS customer service said buying all services without the new plan could cost as much as \$120 a month.

The plan also includes flat rate, Canada-wide wireless data on up to five smartphones and unlimited Wi-Fi at MTS hotspots. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



**It makes for a real easy experience for the customer.**

Paul Norris

## IN BRIEF

### Construction to start on Sage Creek school

Sod was officially turned Wednesday on a new school in the Sage Creek neighbourhood.

Construction of École Sage Creek School—a 76,940-square-foot kindergarten to Grade 8 English and French immersion school—will start next month and is expected to open for classes in early 2017.

"We're absolutely ecstatic about the development of the new École Sage Creek School," said Duane Brothers, superintendent of schools, Louis Riel School Division. The school will have room for 600 students and include an early learning and childcare centre for 114 infant, pre-school and school-aged kids.

The school's price tag is \$24.8 million. METRO

### New online education portal allows students to transfer credits, courses

Manitoba is investing in an online portal to help more students attend post-secondary education institutions.

ECampusManitoba.com will allow students to go online and complete a number of tasks with the click of a mouse. Education Minister James Allum says it's the way of the future. The online system allows students to transfer credits, access online textbooks and transfer courses. Premier Greg Selinger says it will make it easier for a student to start out in a training program, go to a college program, then go to and get a university education or trades. Part of the website is already up and running; other links will follow in December. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Stewart Redsky, former chief and current alcohol/drug counsellor of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, sits in the community's water storage room and talks about water and access issues in his community in February. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Feds under pressure to fund reserve road

## FIRST NATION

### Community remains isolated from mainland

Pressure is growing on the federal government to help fund construction of a road for a reserve that is under one of Canada's longest boil-water advisories.

Manitoba, Ontario and the City of Winnipeg have sent letters to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt urging the Conservatives to chip in \$10 million needed to connect Shoal Lake 40 First Nation with the

outside world.

The First Nation straddles the Ontario-Manitoba boundary and was carved off from the mainland a century ago to build an aqueduct that supplies fresh water to Winnipeg. The reserve has no all-weather road and has been under a boil-water advisory for 17 years.

"Citizens across our province, particularly those benefiting directly from Shoal Lake's waters, are demanding that governments take action to help rectify this First Nation's situation," Manitoba cabinet minister Kevin Chieff and Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman wrote in an April letter obtained by The Canadian Press.

"As a partner at the table, we



**All we're asking for is a single lane.**

Chief Erwin Redsky

would like to see a commitment, in principle, from the federal government to the construction of Freedom Road upon completion of the detailed design."

Neither have received a response.

Representatives from all three levels of government are to gather Thursday in Shoal Lake 40 for an event commemorating the quest to build an all-weather road, dubbed Freedom Road.

Municipal Government Minister Drew Caldwell, responsible for the Shoal Lake file, said the province will pay one-third of the construction — \$10 million — along with the city of Winnipeg. All that's needed is for Ottawa to do the same, he said.

The community was cut off from the mainland earlier this year when their aging ferry didn't pass federal inspection. The reserve — with no way for people to get groceries, water or immediate medical attention — declared a state of emergency.

The ferry has since been patched up but Chief Erwin Redsky said a long-term solution is needed.

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Hoarders range in types of behaviour, including animal hoarders, garbage hoarders and people who hoard various items. But hoarding is a symptom of anxiety and shouldn't be stigmatized, says OCD Centre Manitoba. THINKSTOCK

# Hoarding an 'epidemic' in city

## MENTAL HEALTH

**Group says around 35,000 residents are hoarders**



**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg

A local mental health organization estimates as many as 35,000 people in Winnipeg are hoarders, but a lack of funding means they soon may not be able to help any of them.

"I would say it's an epidemic for sure," said Lindsay Bacala, the facilitator of the compulsive hoarding group at OCD Centre Manitoba. "And it's an epidemic that people aren't willing to talk about because it's stigmatized so bad."

The International OCD Foundation states five per cent of the world's population deals with some form of severe hoarding — including 35,000 in Winnipeg — hoarding goods, garbage, or animals.

"And I would actually stake every penny I have that the number is higher," said OCD



**OCD Centre Manitoba compulsive hoarding group co-ordinator Lindsay Bacala and executive director Renee Greyeyes are concerned they may have to abandon their hoarding group program.** DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Centre Manitoba executive director Renee Greyeyes.

"A compulsive hoarder is somebody whose house or living area is so cluttered they

are actually unable to use that area for what it's designed for," said Bacala. "For example the bathroom is so cluttered they can't go in and take a shower."

She added compulsive hoarders struggle with anxiety and fear about throwing things out, no matter what those things are.

## + BACKGROUND

Stefane Gravelle of Manitoba Health and the Prairie Mountain Inter-Agency Hoarding Coalition said the province believes between two and five per cent of the population are hoarders.

The coalition identifies five levels of hoarders with level five being the most extreme, and levels one

and two often not posing significant health or safety risks.

"It's something that governmental agencies, service agencies and non-governmental agencies should be pulling together on to make sure we don't let anyone slip through the cracks."

"So instead of dealing with the anxiety of making those decisions they just say 'why don't I just keep it all?'"

Compulsive hoarders' homes can end up in such bad shape they often deal with threats to their health such as scabies, lice, and bug and bed bug infestations, she said. There can also be structural damage to homes, and raw sewage in the home, and if emergency workers are called they may struggle to even be able to get in some homes.

Greyeyes said a lack of proper funding from the province means they may have to abandon their hoarding support group in January of 2016.

Their entire operation

gets \$30,000 annually from the province.

Greyeyes said that the only other support group specifically for hoarding in Winnipeg comes from Age and Opportunity, but they only help those 55 and older.

OCD Centre Manitoba currently receives more than 300 calls a year from people seeking help for hoarding, and the group believes more would call if hoarding weren't stigmatized.

In a statement, the province said they are having "ongoing" discussions with OCD Centre Manitoba about their current funding levels and ability to help people with hoarding issues.





**VALUES MEAL QUEBEC CAMPAIGN** Prime Minister Stephen Harper pauses from handing out chicken dinners during Quebec's Fete National. The PM told a gathering of Tory candidates that Conservative values are Quebec values. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# New spying law not needed: CSIS

## PRIVACY

### Workarounds possible within existing legislation

The Conservative government alarmed privacy advocates by overhauling the law to give Canada's spy agency easier access to federal data — even though the spies themselves said greater information-sharing could be done under existing laws, newly released documents show.

In a presentation to federal deputy ministers last year, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said "significant improvements" to the sharing of national-security information were possible within the "existing legislative framework."

The Canadian Press obtained a heavily censored copy of the secret February 2014 presentation and a related memo to CSIS director Michel Couombe under

the Access to Information Act.

Earlier this year, the government introduced a broad security bill that included the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act.

The legislation, which recently received royal assent, permits the sharing of information about activity that undermines the security of Canada, something law professors Craig Forcece and Kent Roach called "a new and astonishingly broad concept."

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien denounced the law's scope as "clearly excessive," saying it could make available all federally held information about someone of interest to as many as 17 government departments and agencies.

In the 2014 memo to Couombe, CSIS assistant director Tom Venner stressed the importance of timely and reliable information exchanges, and he lamented the patchwork of existing authorities that hindered sharing. However, he added that laws and arrangements "often allow for the sharing of information for national

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**(Existing laws) often allow for the sharing of information for national security purposes.**

Tom Venner,  
CSIS assistant director

security purposes." Venner cited a number of recently successful pilot projects and outlined "future opportunities" for sharing — all of them deleted from the memo.

CSIS clearly saw "room for workarounds" in the existing law "with a little bit more coordination within government," Forcece said in an interview.

The spy agency's memo seems "to belie the whole justification for the controversial information-sharing regime" in the government's anti-terrorism bill, Forcece said.

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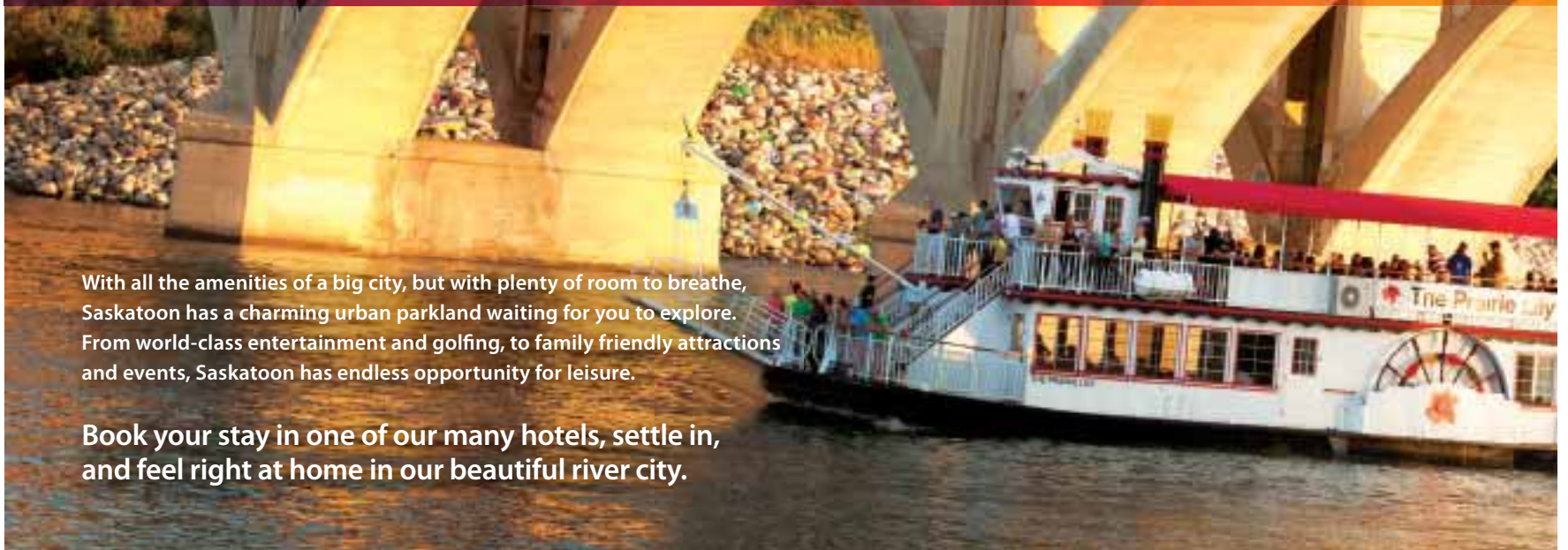
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# 'I am sorry for the lives that I've taken': Bomber

## BOSTON

## Tsarnaev, 21, breaks two years of silence with apology

In a startling turn, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev apologized for the lethal attack for the first time Wednesday just before a judge formally sentenced him to death.

"I am sorry for the lives that I've taken, for the suffering that I've caused you, for the damage that I've done — irreparable damage," the 21-year-old college student said, breaking more than two years of public silence.

To the victims, he said: "I pray for your relief, for your healing."

After Tsarnaev said his piece, U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. quoted Shakespeare's line about "The evil that men do lives after them" and told Tsarnaev that no one will remember that his teachers were fond of him, that his friends found him fun to be with or that he showed compassion to disabled people.

"What will be remembered is that you murdered and maimed innocent people, and that you did it wilfully and intentionally. You did it on purpose," O'Toole said.

"I sentence you to the penalty of death by execution," he said.

The apology came after Tsarnaev listened impassively for about three hours as a procession of victims and their loved ones lashed out at him



**Boston Marathon bombing survivors Erika Brannock, left, and Rebekah Gregory leave the Moakley Federal Courthouse clutching each other following the formal sentencing of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in Boston, Wednesday.** CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

for his "cowardly" and "disgusting" acts.

"He can't possibly have had a soul to do such a horrible thing," said Karen Rand McWatters, who lost a leg in the attack and whose best friend, 29-year-old Krystle Campbell, was killed.

The outcome of the proceedings was a foregone conclusion: The judge was required under law to impose the jury's death

**What will be remembered is that you murdered and maimed innocent people, and that you did it wilfully and intentionally.**

U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr.

sentence for the April 15, 2013, attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

The only real suspense was whether Tsarnaev would

say anything when given a chance to speak.

Until Wednesday, he had said almost nothing publicly since his arrest more than two

### ANALYSIS

U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz says the Boston Marathon bomber's statement in court before he was sentenced to death is more noteworthy for what he didn't say than what he did say. Ortiz says Dzhokhar Tsarnaev didn't renounce terrorism or violent extremism.

One survivor of the attacks says Tsarnaev didn't sound genuinely remorseful. Lynn Julian suffered a traumatic brain injury and back injury and now has post-traumatic stress disorder.

But another survivor, Henry Borgard, says he's forgiven Tsarnaev and has come to a place of peace and hopes Tsarnaev gets there, too.

years ago.

His apology was a five-minute address peppered with religious references and praise of Allah. Speaking in the accent of his native Russia, he paused several times, looking as if he was trying to maintain his composure.

Twenty-four people in all gave victim impact statements at the sentencing in federal court. Tsarnaev made it clear he was listening.

"All those who got up on that witness stand and that podium relayed to us, to me — I was listening — the suffering that was and the hardship that still is, with strength, with patience, with dignity," he said.

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## CONFEDERATE BANNER

## Flag not 'hateful,' actor says

The Confederate flag is not a hateful symbol but instead a banner with positive historical context despite "the few thousand people that run around wearing sheets and committing atrocities," said Ben Jones, the Dukes of Hazzard actor and former Democratic congressman.

Jones spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday from Sperryville, Va., where he owns a store that sells Confederate flags and other items and celebrates the fictional Hazzard County from his TV show. He runs two other Cooter's Place stores — named for his Hazzard character — in Nashville and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Jones said his stores will never stop selling Confederate items even as national retailers such as Wal-Mart drop them in the wake of the massacre of nine people at a black church in Charleston. The man charged in the deaths had been photographed with the Confederate flag.

"We're not changing anything in stores. There's no reason to change anything," Jones said. "We despise racism."

He added: "It's not a hateful symbol, and we despise that it's being used by bigots and hate groups."

But he also said he understands those who want the Confederate battle flag removed from the Statehouse grounds.

"We recognize that it's on public ground and does not represent all the taxpayers," Jones said. But he added that he's pleased that lawmakers did not act immediately Tuesday, agreeing only to consider removal of the flag later this summer.

In a Facebook post on the page for his store late Tuesday, Jones called the flag a symbol of the spirit of independence. The flag represents the values of the rural South including courage, family and good times, he wrote.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Dukes of Hazzard actor Ben Jones shown in 1999.** STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## WIKILEAKS

## France outraged by American spying

Embarrassed by leaked conversations of three successive French presidents and angered by new evidence of American spying, France demanded answers Wednesday from the Obama administration and called for an intelligence "code of conduct" between allies.

France's foreign minister summoned the U.S. ambassador to respond to the WikiLeaks revelations, after reports that a nest of NSA surveillance equipment was con-

cealed on the top floor of the U.S. Embassy.

President Barack Obama told French President Francois Hollande in a phone conversation Wednesday that the U.S. wasn't targeting his communications. Obama told Hollande that the U.S. was abiding by a commitment Obama made in 2013 not to spy on the French leader after Edward Snowden disclosed the extent of NSA surveillance powers.

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## IN BRIEF

### Border crossing cards stolen in truck hijacking

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico says a truck carrying border crossing cards was hijacked June 7 in northern Mexico and the documents stolen.

The truck was making a trip from the United States to U.S. consulates in the cities of Monterrey and Guadalajara. An electronic alert has been issued so that the stolen cards cannot be used to cross the border.

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## EUROZONE

## Greece won't agree to make more cuts

With major differences remaining between Greece and its creditors, eurozone finance ministers cut short a meeting on Greece's proposals to avoid a default and planned to meet again Thursday.

Before the finance ministers' meeting, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras had held long talks with key creditors but apparently failed to reach a compromise over what kind of reforms the country should make in return for much-needed loans.

Greece has promised tax increases to achieve budget savings, whereas the International Monetary Fund would like more spending cuts. Tsipras rejected the creditors' suggestions.

"The Greek side is unable to agree on such a course," a Greek government official said after Tsipras assessed the proposals, which included fresh cuts in public sector payrolls and a timetable to scrap a pension safety net fund.

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# Queen may move for renovations

## THE ROYALS

### Buckingham Palace needs nearly \$300M in upgrades

Queen Elizabeth II may have to move out of Buckingham Palace during much-needed renovations to the residence, which has not been substantially redecorated since she took the throne in 1952, royal officials said Wednesday.

Officials say the palace needs an estimated 150 million pounds (£291 million) of renovation and upgrades, including replacing old plumbing and wiring and removing asbestos. Having her move out during the work is one option being considered.

The queen has several

other residences but spends about a third of her time in the London palace, which was first used by her ancestor Queen Victoria. It is the site of summer garden parties and scores of ceremonial events each year.

Keeper of the Privy Purse Alan Reid said maintenance on aging royal buildings, "and in particular Buckingham Palace, will present a significant financial challenge" in the next few years.

Annual accounts published Wednesday showed that the monarchy costs taxpayers 35.7 million pounds (\$69.4 million) in the year to March 31, the equivalent of 56 pence per person. That was un-

changed from the year before.

Almost half the money, 18.7 million pounds (\$36.3 million), was spent on payroll costs, while property maintenance cost 11.7 million pounds (\$22.7 million) and 5.1 million pounds (\$9.9 million) was spent on official travel. The most expensive trip was an eight-day visit to Colombia and Mexico by Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, which cost almost 450,000 pounds

(\$875,000).

The queen, who turned 89 in April, has cut back on her public duties but still undertook 196 public engagements during the year.

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**\$22.7M**

**Maintenance of royal properties cost U.K. taxpayers 11.7 million pounds (£22.7 million) last year.**



## ZIMBABWE

### Wild meat solution

A quarter ton of meat from wild animals could be just the ticket to ending the unrest in Zimbabwe's Chikurubi maximum security prison where inmates have been rioting over their meatless diet.

Over the weekend, Zimbabwe's National Parks and Wildlife Authority donated 250 kilograms of bush meat for the 4,600 inmates whose diet has consisted of only porridge and cabbage despite regulations that they should receive meat at least three times a week.

Prison food woes amount to more evidence of a debilitating economic downturn that has left the Zimbabwean government struggling to meet its obligations, including paying civil servants on time. In March, riot police had to use water cannons against university students whose own food protests caused classes to be suspended for a time.

Close to a thousand prisoners rioted in February and then more seriously in March over the lack of meat for the last three years. Guards opened fire on the inmates who rioted after they refused to eat their cabbage lunch. Five people were killed.

Prison officials described the riot, in which prisoners set fire to blankets, newspapers and even the roof, as an escape attempt and later tried nine alleged leaders. During their trials, however, the prisoners maintained they were protesting the lack of meat.

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**ANIMALS FLAMINGO GETS A LEG UP** A Chilean flamingo stands with the help of a specially-made prosthetic leg, at a zoo in Sorocaba, Brazil, Tuesday. The six-year-old bird fractured his left leg one month ago and it was partially amputated to halt an infection. NELSON ANTOINE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Wind, rains cool Pakistan as death toll climbs to 838 people

## EXTREME WEATHER

### Power outages, water shortages worsen impact of heat wave

A cool wind from the sea and pre-monsoon rains brought the first signs of respite to southern Pakistan on Wednesday as the death toll from a scorching heat wave climbed to 838 — a high figure even for a nation accustomed to sizzling hot summers.

Temperatures in hard-hit Karachi, the country's largest city and its commercial hub where the overwhelming majority of the deaths were reported, dropped to 34 degrees Celsius, meteorologist Abdur Rasheed said.

The drop likely marked the end of the heat wave that began on Sunday. Hospital officials said admittances were lower than in previous days, when dehydrated

patients lay in corridors and outside on the streets.

As dusk fell on Wednesday evening, volunteers on the streets of the port city handed out dates and provided drinks for iftar meals that break the daylight fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Karachi has been in the epicenter of the heat wave, dubbed worst in at least a decade, with temperatures reaching 45 degrees Celsius. Hours-long power outages, little running water and the Ramadan fasting had worsened the situation further.

Home to some 20 million people and the capital of the southern Sindh province, Karachi has long suffered under an inefficient power grid and a shortage of potable water. The power outages have also affected the city's sporadic water supply, forcing those who can afford it to rely on tankers of water being delivered to their homes.

Maj. Gen. Asghar Nawaz, chairman of the National Dis-



Volunteers provide cold drinks to people suffering from the heat in Karachi, Pakistan, on Wednesday. SHAKIL ADIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

aster Management Authority, said that in Karachi alone, 800 people died as a result of the heat wave.

The authorities were simply not prepared to handle the heat

wave — the worst he could remember in Sindh since 1979.

Another 38 people died in various other parts of the province, Nawaz said, warning that the death toll could rise fur-

ther in the coming days because many of the sick are in critical condition.

The army has set up special heatstroke centres to help local officials deal with the situation,

he said. Karachi residents have been speculating the country could see more cyclones and harsh weather in the future because of climate change, he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## FRANCE

### Tunnel traffic resumes under English Channel after strike

Train services between Britain and France beneath the English Channel resumed Wednesday but the disruption stoked by striking French port workers the day before persevered.

Making life more difficult for those truckers trying to get on trains were illegal migrants trying to take advantage of the snail's pace traffic to sneak onto trucks headed for Britain.

Eurotunnel, which runs those shuttle trains, said traffic re-

sumed Wednesday morning. The Eurostar passenger train service, which carries about 10 million people a year across the Channel, also started running a normal schedule, though the company warned travellers to arrive extra early.

Both companies cancelled all trains Tuesday after ferry workers, striking over expected job cuts, swarmed train lines and set tires alight.

Migrants from Sudan, Eritrea

and elsewhere are camped by the thousand in the port city of Calais trying to reach Britain, where they believe they will have better job prospects.

The growing number of migrants in Europe has prompted France to announce thousands more places in centres for asylum seekers and emergency beds in Calais, as well as a police task force to help dismantle smugglers' networks.

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## TRIAL

### Jury awards patient \$500,000 after he was mocked by doctor

A Virginia man was awarded \$500,000 in court after being mocked by an anesthesiologist during a colonoscopy in 2013.

The Washington Post reports the jury ordered 42-year-old Tiffany Ingham and her practice to pay the man after a three-day trial last week.

Officials say the man, who wanted to remain anonymous, recorded the incident while being prepped so he could capture the doctor's post-operation instructions. But when he listened

**After five minutes of talking to you in pre-op, I wanted to punch you in the face and man you up a little bit.**

Tiffany Ingham, as recorded during a medical exam

to the recording later, he discovered that he had recorded the entire examination and that the doctor and surgical team had mocked him once he fell asleep.

When a medical assistant noted the man had a rash, Ing-

ham warned her not to touch it, saying she might get "some syphilis on your arm or something," then added, "It's probably tuberculosis in the penis, so you'll be all right."

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## IN BRIEF

**Court approves Rogers purchase of Mobility**

An Ontario court gave its approval for Rogers Communications to buy Mobility for about \$465 million on Wednesday, a deal that is expected to trigger a series of transactions that will affect wireless customers in Ontario, Alberta and B.C.

Rogers will also sell some spectrum to Wind Mobile, which has emerged as one of the leading challengers to Canada's three biggest wireless companies, and complete a previously announced purchase of spectrum from Shaw.

Rogers said its takeover offer for Mobility has also been approved by Industry Canada, which had blocked previous attempts for Telus to buy Mobility. It still requires approval from the Competition Bureau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Ford announced Tuesday that customers who finance their vehicles through Ford Motor Credit may rent their vehicle to pre-screened drivers for short-term use to offset the monthly costs of owning a vehicle.** SETH PERLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## UNITED STATES

**Ford launches ride-sharing pilot**

Ford is following the ride-sharing craze, launching its own pilot program in six U.S. cities and in London.

Under the program, customers who finance their vehicles through Ford Motor Credit will be able to rent their vehicle to pre-screened drivers for short-term use, helping to defray some monthly vehicle ownership costs.

"As most vehicles are parked and out of use much of the time, this can help us gauge our customers' desires to pick up extra cash and keep their vehicles in use," David McClelland, Ford Credit vice-president of marketing, said in a written statement.

Ford Motor Co. said 14,000

customers in the U.S. will be invited to participate, along with 12,000 in London.

U.S. customers will partake through ride-share company Getaround, while London customers will use easyCar Club.

The program is being offered through November to Ford Credit customers in Chicago, Washington D.C., Portland, Oregon and California locations including Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco.

Ford also said that it has a new electric bicycle, the MoDe: Flex. It's the automaker's third eBike, following the MoDe:Me and MoDe:Pro that launched in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Duelling Donuts contest kicks off**

## TIM HORTONS

**Deadmau5, Jann Arden participating as celeb judges**

One lucky Canadian will be able to add their dream doughnut to the Tim Hortons menu and walk away with \$10,000 as winner of the Duelling Donuts contest, launched Wednesday by the coffee chain.

Home chefs have until July 21 to concoct a unique doughnut idea inspired by a family recipe.

Eight quarter-finalists will present their creations to a celebrity panel, including musicians Deadmau5 and Jann Arden and actress Sophie Tweed-Simmons. She's the daughter of Shannon Tweed, a St. John's, N.L.-born actress and model who is married to Kiss bassist Gene Simmons.

After the panel chooses four semifinalists to advance, the public gets to pick two pastries they want to see sold at Tim Hortons.

The finalists will be an-

**\$10,000**

**In addition to having your dream doughnut added to Tim Hortons' menu, the winner of Duelling Donuts will also walk away with a \$10,000 prize.**



**Canadian singer-songwriter Jann Arden.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

nounced Sept. 1 and sold in Tim Hortons restaurants across Canada early in the new year, with the most popular confection taking home the grand prize.

In 2014, Jennifer Brown of Glencoe, Ont., beat out almost 77,000 other entrants with her "Love Reese to Pieces" doughnut, which will be available at Tim Hortons shops for a limited time starting July 15. This chocolate doughnut, filled with a custard centre, is covered in chocolate fondant and topped with chopped peanuts and mini Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

This is the third year for the contest, launched after Jason Priestley created a doughnut named after himself — "The Priestley," a strawberry-vanilla doughnut with a chocolate Timbit nestled inside — in an episode of *How I Met Your Mother*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Joel Thomas Zimmerman, better known as Deadmau5.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## LABOUR

**Ikea U.S. to increase hourly minimum wage in January**

Ikea's U.S. division is raising the minimum wage for the second year in a row as the Swedish ready-to-assemble furniture chain looks to improve its relations with workers and reduce worker turnover.

Starting Jan. 1, Ikea's average minimum hourly wage will increase to \$11.87, which is \$4.62 above the current federal wage and marks a \$1.11 increase, or 10 per cent, from this year's average minimum pay.

The increase will affect 32 per cent of Ikea's 10,500 U.S. store workers and will raise the average hourly wage to \$15.45. That's up from the current \$14.19 per hour. The increase also covers workers in some distribution centres.



**Starting Jan. 1, 2016, the minimum wage for Ikea workers in the U.S. will be \$11.87.** J PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ikea raised the minimum wage in June 2014 by an average of 17 per cent, effective 2015. That marked the biggest

increase in 10 years in the U.S. for the retailer. It also pegged the raise to the cost of living in each location, instead of what competitors are offering as most stores do, signalling a new approach to its pay structure.

The pay raise comes as several retailers, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., have announced wage hikes and other incentives to attract workers and to stay competitive in an improving job market. They've also faced pressure from labour-backed groups to increase wages and improve working conditions. Many of those groups are pushing for companies to start entry level wages at \$15 per hour.

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## MARIJUANA

**Pot companies to merge, form Canada's largest producer**

Tweed Marijuana is offering to buy Bedrocan Cannabis Corp. in a friendly deal that would combine the two companies into what they say would be Canada's largest licensed pot producer.

The deal was worth \$61 million when it was announced early Wednesday — although the final value will vary with Tweed's stock price.

The two companies say the deal would combine Tweed's consumer-oriented business and Bedrocan's base in the clinical and research communities, giving the combined operation a competitive edge in a growing marketplace that opened up in May 2014 after Health Canada updated regulations for the medical use of marijuana.

Together, they have 110 full-

time employees and 30 to 50 part-time workers. Tweed has two production facilities in Ontario and distributes marijuana to individual patients. Bedrocan produces and sells pharmaceutical-grade cannabis from Toronto.



**I would not bet against a cannabis industry that is just evolving on a global level.**

**Bedrocan CEO Marc Wayne**

According to documents filed with regulators, Tweed had its first revenue little more than a year ago after its first product

shipment in May 2014 and generated about \$1.1 million of sales in the year ending Dec. 31, more than half of it in the final three months of last year. Bedrocan had \$1.5 million in revenue over the 13 months ending last Jan. 31.

"This has been a stretching exercise," said Bruce Linton, Tweed's chairman and CEO. "You have to have a platform of production, you have to have an education process to bring on the physicians and you have to have something that's desired by the market."

Under the deal announced Wednesday, Bedrocan's shareholders would get a total of 33.9 million common shares of Tweed, giving them 41.6 per cent of the combined company's total equity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE BATTLE FOR QUEBEC



**“With Gilles Duceppe back in the game, the upcoming federal campaign is turning into a replay of the 2011 fight between the Bloc and the NDP.**

By the looks of it, the long-awaited NDP-Liberal battle for Quebec next fall is on ice.

With Gilles Duceppe back in the game, the upcoming federal campaign is turning into a replay of the 2011 fight between the Bloc Québécois and the NDP.

A CROP survey published last weekend gave the NDP (38 per cent) an eight-point lead on the Bloc among francophone voters. A Leger Marketing poll done a few days earlier reported an even closer two-way battle across francophone Quebec.

Watching from the sidelines, Justin Trudeau's Liberals and Stephen Harper's Conservatives split the difference.

Notwithstanding their actual order in voting intentions, none of the four main parties is really where it would like to be in Quebec.

The Bloc has seen its share of support increase by double digits since Duceppe's return. It is climbing out of the basement, but remains at a good distance from the top floor — without a ready-made staircase to get there.

Provincewide, the party's current score is almost identical to its 2011 election night result. In short, Duceppe has brought home the voters that stuck with his sinking party four years ago and gave it four seats that did not include his.

Not all sovereigntists welcomed his return. Many are torn between their desire to see the Conservatives out of power and their loyalty to the cause. Some are angry at the notion that the veteran Bloc leader may

facilitate the re-election of a Conservative government by further splitting the opposition vote.

Like most non-Conservative voters, those who switched from the Bloc to the NDP four years ago are more motivated than ever to seek regime change on Parliament Hill. With the NDP on the rise outside Quebec, the incentive to continue to support Thomas Mulcair's party is strong.

The Conservatives are essentially in the same position in voting intentions in Quebec as on election night four years ago. CROP pegged their support at 14 per cent. They won 16 per cent of the vote in 2011. An early-year improvement in Conservative fortunes has turned out to be short-lived.

A more divided opposition vote could help Harper hold on to his handful of Quebec seats and — possibly — win back some of those that were swept up by the orange wave four years ago. But that presumes a second NDP wave

**A more divided opposition vote could help Harper hold on to his handful of Quebec seats and — possibly — win back some of those that were swept up by the orange wave four years ago.**

is out of the question. Is it really?

The Liberals are key to the answer. Trudeau's party has lost a lot of ground in his home province since it led the pack with 35 per cent or more of the vote at the end of last year. At this juncture, Liberal support — at about 24 per cent — hovers around Stéphane Dion's 2008 score. That was the party's best result of the past three elections.

Last year's polls showed that the Liberals have room to go up; the results of the

last campaign suggest they could just as easily slip further. Four years ago, Michael Ignatieff led the party to a 14 per cent finish in Quebec. Its losses ended up as gains in the NDP column.

It is a well-established pattern of Quebec political life that in the face of a serious sovereigntist threat, the federalist vote tends to coalesce behind the strongest alternative on offer. The Liberals long benefited from that trend. But in 2011, the advantage shifted to the NDP, where it remains now that Mulcair is back in the lead.

To wit, more than half a dozen candidates are vying for the privilege of taking on Liberal MP Marc Garneau for the NDP in the federalist stronghold of Westmount-Ville-Marie.

The New Democrats look like they are in good shape in Quebec. They rank first with francophones. They have more potential for growth than the Conservatives and they are the second choice of more voters than the Liberals.

But a more combative Bloc brings with it the necessity for the NDP to talk up positions, such as the party's contention that it would accept a simple majority vote for Quebec independence, that are controversial in the rest of Canada.

Duceppe could end up doing more harm to the NDP outside Quebec than in his own province.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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**Clearly, obituaries should be the first thing you flip to.**

Obituaries are where it's at. "It" being dazzling stories that, by exploring the specifics of one person's bizarre or instrumental or unexpected life, say a lot about life in general.

They're not about people dying; they're about people living. And that makes them, ironically, the least depressing part of the news.

The best are playful, soaked in sweet details, and yet honest about someone's good and bad sides. You come out remembering that no one is perfect (or pure evil), which is helpful when you're still alive and trying to be perfect all the time.

They contain the greatest characters, and the oddest asides (a Globe and Mail obituary on parliamentarian Frank Howard notes how stealing a "butterscotch pie from the kitchen window of the Sullivan Hotel" got Howard sent to an orphanage).

Obituaries let us marvel at how single lives can shift the world around them — as with F. Scott Fitzgerald's personal secretary, who died recently. Frances Kroll Ring spent only 20 months with the literary giant, typing pages and cooking meals, before he died in 1940. But she ended up playing a key role in his legacy, advising filmmakers and biographers and even writing a memoir.

Clearly, obituaries should

be the first thing you flip to, and some magazines help you out by placing them at the back. Those include the Economist and Maclean's — proving my theory that many things, but magazines in particular, are best read back to front.

The Economist's obituaries — which, in the U.K. tradition, lean heavily on wit and editorializing a life — detail extraordinary people around the globe. They taught me about the indomitable Polish statesmen Władysław Bartoszewski and the grotesquely opulent boyhood of Haitian ruler Baby Doc Duvalier. The stories satisfy, like watching a full sunset, their last lines tying off a life. I once cancelled my subscription because \$11 a month seemed like a lot to pay just to read an obituary a week. Then I restarted it.

Being as I am in the middle of a life (or what feels like the middle — who knows when I'll die?), it's probably most satisfying to see how, in an obituary, one thing leads to another. Failures stack up to eventual success, periods of stagnation lead to change. No one, in hindsight, simply flounders, aimless and useless. There's meaning to be gleaned from any life.

Even, you've gotta hope, your own.

### THE MICROTREND: The incredible shrinking gym



All the staples of urban life seem to be scaling down: small cars, small condos and now small gyms — though not for a small price. One-room gyms are in, and the low cost of starting them is turning gym rats and workout instructors into entrepreneurs. Devotees sweat through hour-long sessions in tiny converted storefronts, swinging heavy kettlebells or practising yoga poses. Even steep prices — \$30 for a typical class — can't slow the extra-large enthusiasm for a boutique exercise experience.

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# Killing Monica, to live again

CANDACE BUSHNELL

## Sex and the City scribe tackles a woman's identity crisis

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Tell me if you've heard this one before.

Pandy "PJ" Wallis is a famous writer whose books about the adventures of Monica, a swellegant New Yorker, are adapted for a series of blockbuster movies, starring SondraBeth Schnowzer as the beloved heroine.

Sound familiar? It's the starting point for Candace Bushnell's new book, *Killing Monica* (Grand Central Publishing, \$30). Like a serpent swallowing its tail, Bushnell plunders the basic trajectory of the success of her best-seller *Sex and the City* for her latest narrative.

It's impossible not to see the parallels with the meteoric rise of the SATC franchise and its star Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie Bradshaw, the barely disguised alter ego of Bushnell herself.

But Bushnell has a couple of words for critics who see *Killing Monica* as a thinly veiled memoir: "cray cray."

The idea is absurd, she says.

"It's all made up. I'm inclined to view (*Killing Monica*



Candace Bushnell's new novel follows a successful woman intent on changing her life. STYLING AND PHOTO BY LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

### WHAT'S IN BUSHNELL'S BOOK BAG?

"I'm going to be traveling, so I've got *Primates of Park Avenue*. But I've already jumped on it and read the whole thing," says Bushnell, laughing. "You know, I don't



know what I'm going to read. I'm definitely going to read Jennifer Weiner's (*Who Do You Love*), but I'll have to wait until August."

ica) as an artist. It's experimental, it's more surreal, and it's pushed much farther into farce. It's like an object that exists on its own. It exists outside of my life," says Bushnell.

"I wrote SATC and that was part journalism and part fiction, so that was like a reflection of my life, but I have not written one book since

then where I put myself as the main character."

Bushnell, who gleefully skewers show biz in *Killing Monica* — the head of the film studio producing the Monica movies is nicknamed PP — says she was influenced by the 1963 epic comedy *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*.

"It's the maddest madcap movie," she says. "I see some

of those scenes like that; they're just over-the-top."

While film producers and fans can't get enough of Monica, and SondraBeth, Pandy is so over both of them. With her marriage in tatters and soon-to-be ex Jonny Beluga desperate to get his hands on a hefty chunk of her Monica-money, Pandy launches a scheme to free herself from all of it — the Monica millstone, her former bestie SondraBeth and the greedy grasp of Jonny.

Zany as the book may be, *Killing Monica* covers familiar Bushnell territory: the social and interior lives of women. In the case of her latest novel, it's that moment when women seek to reinvent themselves, a pattern Bushnell has noticed among her female friends.

"There truly is a midlife crisis; it's an existential crisis," says Bushnell.

"I see people struggling with reinvention, because like a Monica, we all have created a perfect persona. Monica's always happy, nothing bad ever happens to Monica. While Monica's kind of persona has served us very, very well, when our younger persona no longer fits, it's a time when it's natural to ask once again, 'Why am I here?'"

"Which makes sense if you consider that it comes at a time when your children are also leaving the nest. I think it's nature's way of saying, now you must be creative in a different way," she says. "That's how I see it."

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# Best summer reading of 2015

Lazy days in the shade spent with a good book are one of summer's great luxuries, but to indulge, you have to decide what to read first. Whether you're looking for romance, suspense or to be transported across the globe, these are the books that will do the trick.

## METRO CANADA

### FICTION

#### Eight Hundred Grapes by Laura Dave

When Georgia's fiancé reveals a shocking secret just days before their wedding, she flees home to California where her family owns a winery. There, she learns that her parents are splitting up and selling the estate. Pour yourself a glass of wine and settle in.

#### The Underwriting by Michelle Miller

Alternating chapters between several characters, this is an addictive novel about sex, greed and the duelling world of Wall Street versus Silicon Valley. Six 20-somethings are primed to make millions



thanks to a crazy popular dating app, but success comes at a price.

**Under Fire by Tom Clancy**  
Though Tom Clancy passed away in 2013, his suspenseful



franchise lives on, thanks to his co-author Grant Blackwood. This book follows the president's son, who sets out on a heart-pounding mission after an old friend delivers him a cryptic message.

#### Boo by Neil Smith

A book about friendship and finding your place in the world, Boo follows the adventure of eighth-grader Oliver "Boo" Dalrymple who finds himself suddenly in a strange land.

#### Love May Fail by Matthew Quick

From the author of the Oscar-winning Silver Linings

Playbook comes this new novel about a woman who escapes her ritzy life in Florida to return home to her shut-in mother in New Jersey.

#### Summerlong by Dean Bakopoulos

Summerlong is both smart and satisfying. Don and Claire are college sweethearts living in a Midwestern town. Three children later, their marriage is in trouble and the young coeds



they have both separately met sure aren't helping things.

#### Remember Me This Way by Sabine Durrant

An eerie, exhilarating tale of marriage with a cast of great characters and ample plot twists, this dark novel is by the same author of the thriller Under Your Skin.



#### Alexandrian Summer by Yitzhak Gormezano Goren

Originally published in 1978 but now translated in English for the first time is a novel about two feuding Egyptian Jewish families. Set in 1951, it exposes sexual hypocrisies of the upper-middle class while hooking the readers with a dramatic storyline.

#### Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

A girl with special powers must navigate a world of deadly court intrigue. De-



scribed as Game of Thrones meets X-Men — the book was instantly optioned for film by Universal and is on numerous must-read lists.

#### The Heir by Kiera Cass

The Bachelorette meets Cinderella as 35 men compete for the chance to marry a princess in this new story arc in Kiera Cass's internationally bestselling Selection series.

#### The Ultimatum by Dick Wolf

Law & Order creator Dick Wolf's new novel is about a detective tasked with hunting down a serial sniper who uses drone technology. The mystery novel will keep you guessing until the end.

#### The Rocks by Peter Nichols

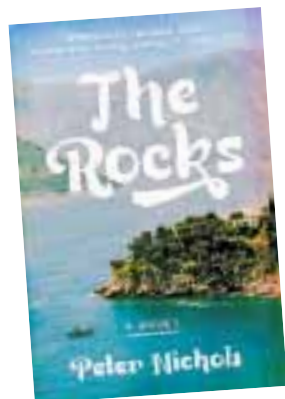
Misbehaving strangers struggle with a 60-year-old secret that drove two lovers apart in a tiny Mediterranean town.







**Broken Promise by Linwood Barclay** (out July 28)  
The New York Times best-selling author is back with this story of a failed newsman who returns home with his nine-year-old son after the death of his wife only to discover a family secret of epic proportions.



**China Rich Girlfriend: A Novel by Kevin Kwan**  
The author of Crazy Rich Asians is back with this story about Rachel Chu, who is about to marry Asia's most eligible bachelor only to discover some family secrets and a long lost father.



**Circling the Sun by Paula McLain** (out July 28)  
The Paris Wife author Paula McLain returns with Circling the Sun, set in 1920s Kenya. Beryl is a young woman, both bohemian and bold, who conquers everything from racehorse training to commercial piloting. The only thing she can't seem to control is her heart.

**Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal** (out July 28)  
Stradal's debut novel is a mother-daughter tale about life and how food creates community and a gives you a sense of identity.

**The Dust that Falls from Dreams by Louis de Bernieres** (out Aug. 4)  
From the author of the international bestseller, Corelli's Mandolin, this sweeping Edwardian-era saga follows the fortunes of four British sisters and their band of friends as their golden childhood in the English countryside comes to an abrupt end with the outbreak of the First World War.

**Miss Emily by Nuala O'Connor** (out July 14)  
This beautifully written book imagines a complicated and compelling relationship between one of America's most reclusive literary icons, Emily Dickinson, and her young Irish maid.

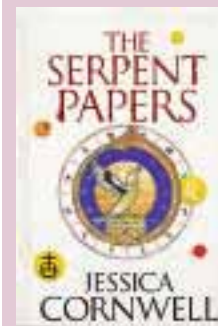
**Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee** (out July 14)  
Harper Lee shocked book lovers everywhere when she announced she just so happened to have an unpublished sequel to To Kill a Mockingbird. The book features a now grownup Scout who is returning home to visit her father, Atticus.

## FOR THE COTTAGE

**Finders Keepers by Stephen King**  
Following the same heroes introduced in his book Mr. Mercedes, Finders Keepers is King's story of an obsessed reader whose interest in a reclusive writer goes too far. This is the first time King revisits the reader-author obsession since his book Misery.



**The Serpent Papers by Jessica Cornwell**



The first book in Jessica Cornwell's The Serpent Papers is sure to entrance with the introduction of Anna Verco, a young researcher who soon finds herself discovering a world of alchemy, magic and secrets after a series of murders in modern-day Barcelona.

**Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid** (out July 7)

In this tale reminiscent of the film Sliding Doors, a young woman's future hinges on the decisions she makes when she bumps into an old flame. The novel is told in alternating chapters as we see the two possibilities play out.



## FOR THE BEACH

**99 Days by Katie Cotugno**  
A perfect beach read, this book features a summer romance set in a small town while still tackling issues of girl-on-girl bullying and slut-shaming. Readers of John Green and Nicholas Sparks will enjoy this young adult novel.



**Local Girls by Caroline Zancan** (out June 30)

Caroline Zancan gifts us the friendship novel of the summer with this page-turner about four best friends, all 19 years old, and a hot movie star who shows up to their sleepy Florida town.



**Barbarian Days by William Finnegan** (out July 20)

An adventure story meets literary biography meets road movie meets exploration into the world of surfing in this novel which has made numerous best-of summer lists.



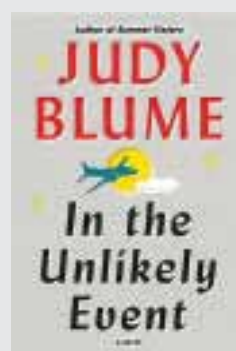
## OYSTER PICKS

We asked Kevin Nguyen, the editorial director at Oyster (known as the "Netflix for books") what three releases he's excited about. He shares his picks below:

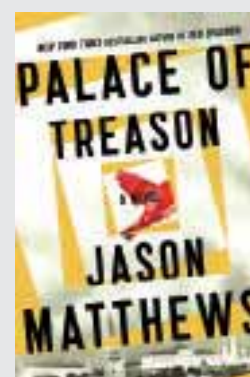


**H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald**  
"Helen Macdonald grapples with the death of her father by taking on the challenge of training a goshawk in one of the year's most devastating and cathartic memoirs."

**Palace of Treason by Jason Matthews**  
"There's nothing better than a star-crossed Russian operative and a CIA agent for keeping you completely engrossed on a flight, beach or your hot summer subway ride. This followup to the bestselling 2013 thriller Red Sparrow might even make you wish you had a couple more stops so you could squeeze in a few extra pages."



**In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume**  
"For readers who grew up with the classic Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret, Judy Blume's new adult novel brings Blume's signature style together with an intricate multi-generational story about how people deal with love and loss."



## NON-FICTION

**The Domino Diaries by Brin-Jonathan Butler**  
Journalist Jonathan Butler spills about his 10 years as a journalist in Cuba, largely covering the boxing scene. Even if you're not a boxing fan, you'll be mesmerized with this up-close look at Cuba's fascinating culture.

**I Like You Just the Way I Am by Jenny Mollen**

Actress Jenny Mollen wrote this laugh-out-loud book with R-rated stories from her personal life, including hiring a prostitute for her husband Jason Biggs's birthday. Expect your fellow commuters to lean over your shoulder to see what you're cackling at.

**Twisted by Bert Ashe**

Writer Bert Ashe chronicles his quest to grow dreadlocks while giving a cultural history of the hairstyle, from originating in Jamaica to making its way to the States. His is a welcome fresh voice, starting a conversation about black culture from a quirky, fun angle.

**Elon Musk by Ashlee Vance**

This authorized bio of Elon Musk will offer a look at one of Silicon Valley's most ambitious entrepreneurs. Expect to be enthralled by this Tony Stark-like figure in the same way biographies like Moneyball and Steve Jobs were captivating in the past.

**Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari**

An in-depth look at modern romance presented with comic insight, Ansari travelled the globe and spoke to hundreds to give us this unique take on love.

**Empire of Deception by Dean Jobb**

In the tradition of bestselling books like The Devil in the White City and The Man in the Rockefeller Suit, Jobb combines investigative journalism and captivating storytelling to examine one of the greatest con artists of the twentieth century.

**Let's Be Less Stupid by Patty Marx** (out July 14)

Subtitled "An Attempt to Maintain my Mental Faculties," this book finds the former Saturday Night Live writer confessing to her memory failures in an attempt to regain the mental acuity of her 22-year-old self.

**Wicked and Weird: The Amazing Tales of Buck 65 by Rich Terfry** (out Aug. 11)

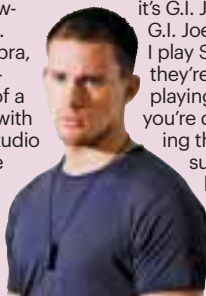
The CBC radio host gives us a glimpse into the world of his alter ego, Buck 65, taking us from small town Nova Scotia to his success as a musician.



**CHANNING'S LIKE, "G.I. NO"; LINDSAY WANTS TO START OVER IN LONDON TOWN****Channing Tatum really hated G.I. Joe**

Channing Tatum has done a pretty great job of maintaining his loveable nicest guy in Hollywood image, but apparently he isn't chipper and cheerful about everything. And one particular kids cartoon franchise-starter left a very bad taste in his mouth. "Look, I'll be honest. I f—ing

hate that movie. I hate that movie," he tells Howard Stern about G.I. Joe: the Rise of Cobra, Tatum's first big action flick and part of a three-picture deal with Paramount. "The studio calls up and they're like, 'Hey, we got a movie for you. We're going to send it to you.' And it was right



during the writers' strike. And it's G.I. Joe. I'm like, 'Look, G.I. Joe? I love G.I. Joe. Can I play Snake Eyes?' And they're like, 'No. You're not playing Snake Eyes.' 'Hey, you're doing this. You're doing this or we're going to sue you.' If that's not bad enough, doing that film didn't really get him the kind of attention he was looking for. "The

Coen Brothers aren't watching G.I. Joe," Tatum says.

**LiLo is teasing us about London move again**

It's a new season, the equinox is behind us, so obviously we're due for another bout of Lindsay Lohan going on and



on about how amazing London is and she's totally thinking of making it her new home. "I can definitely see myself settling in London permanently," she tells Hello! Magazine. "I'm in a really good place. I'm blessed to have been able to do a play in

London and start a different way of life. New York is very fast paced and it's not like that over here for me. You grow up and change, and I'm really happy about that, as overall I feel a lot better. For me, I feel more comfortable working from London." You know what, Ms. Lohan? We don't like empty promises. Stop talking about never coming back to the States already and just do it.



Johnny Depp, dressed as Captain Jack Sparrow from the *Pirates of the Caribbean*. GETTY IMAGES

# Studio tells Depp to get shipshape

**FILMING**

**Apparently the captain's been having a bit too much rum**

**IN HOLLYWOOD**

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Johnny Depp has apparently been causing more problems on the set of the new *Pirates of the Caribbean* beyond getting into trouble for smuggling terriers.

Studio bigwigs reportedly staged an intervention to get Depp to knock off the partying he's been doing and take the job seriously, according to the *National Enquirer*.

"They've told him in no uncertain terms that he needs to clean up his act and concen-

trate on making the movie. He had a big sit-down with the head of Disney Pictures, as well as producer Jerry Bruckheimer, his agents and a few close friends," a source says.

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"Basically, they told Johnny he had to get his act together. Johnny apologized to the crew and producers when he finally got back to Australia from L.A."

Not only that, he also reportedly hired a sober coach to help him out. None of this, of course, explains why we need another *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie, but I suppose we can't have everything.

**MEMORABILIA MUSEUM**

## Take a walk in the world of Seinfeld

Seinfeld fans are getting an open invitation into Jerry's apartment.

Hulu has teamed up with production shop Magnetic Collaborative to remake Jerry Seinfeld's TV apartment for the iconic show's Wednesday release of all nine seasons on the streaming video service.

Hulu created a free memorabilia museum with the world-famous Upper West Side apartment re-located in Manhattan's Meatpacking District. Seinfeld lovers can walk through a real-life model of the apartment and see different set items such as the Monk's Cafe table and booth, the Festivus Pole and George Costanza's photo shoot set from different episodes. There is also a canvas "brick wall" full of signatures from the show's many stars, guests and crew.

Larry Thomas, who played

the memorable Soup Nazi, believes Seinfeld remains popular because of the show's relationships and the crazy situations its main characters — Jerry, Kramer, Elaine and George — found themselves in.

"What Seinfeld really was about was these people, the way they treat each other, the way they treat the world and, you know, the way the world treats them, and it had nothing to do with the '90s or the technology or some of the other things," Thomas said.

The '90s sitcom was a ratings success during its NBC run from 1989 to 1998, and TV Guide named it the greatest television program of all time in 2002.

The pop-up exhibit is open through Sunday at Milk Studios. Admission is free.

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Hulu's recreation of the Seinfeld apartment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## What they're asking



This week, Metro looks at three-bedroom, resale condominium townhomes. These dwellings have the luxury of space to suit a growing family, without the cost of a large home, and the convenience of maintenance-free condo living. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



**\$335,900**

### Winnipeg

Here's a 1,500 sq. ft. condo townhouse at 18-25 Shorehill Dr., in the heart of the Royalwood neighbourhood. The home features a large great room and a tiled electric fireplace. The kitchen boasts cappuccino kitchen cupboards and a breakfast bar. The dining room has a patio door leading to the deck. Upstairs is a master with an ensuite and walk-in closet, and the finished lower level has a rec room. The location is close to bus routes, schools and shopping. Lisa Raymond is a sales representative with The Property Exchange Group Inc., 204-298-8975.



**\$299,500**

### Halifax

This townhouse in the Clayton Park area has many upgrades. With two and a half baths, it's a good size for a growing family. The house features a large living room, a spacious eat-in kitchen with new granite countertops, and a walkout to an outdoor deck. The upper level boasts a large master bedroom, with a walk-in closet and a newly renovated ensuite. The two spare rooms are bright with lots of closet space. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, RE/MAX nova, 902-830-9006.



**\$405,000**

### Calgary

This two-storey townhome is on a quiet street in the Varsity Village area. The home features a bright main floor, with new hardwood and carpeting. There's a large kitchen, a separate dining area, and a bright living room with fireplace and balcony. The kitchen has been updated with large windows and patio doors. The master bedroom with ensuite has plenty of closet space. Transportation is at the door, and the Market Mall is across the street. Bryon Howard is a sales representative for RE/MAX House of Real Estate, 403-589-0004.



**\$400,000**

### Toronto

Located in a peaceful downtown setting, this open-concept, two-storey townhome resides in the King West neighbourhood. It boasts more than 1,000 sq. ft. of living space, including a large, private patio and gardens. Transit friendly, the home is close to the shops and entertainment choices of Queen West and Liberty Village. Extras include a stainless-steel fridge, oven, microwave, dishwasher and washer-dryer. Listing agent James Benson is with Keller Williams Advantage Realty, 416-465-4545.



**\$319,900**

### Ottawa

Here's a townhouse in the Village Green neighbourhood, close to all of Kanata's amenities. Built in 2004, it has three bathrooms on two levels. Kitchen upgrades include granite countertops, an undermount sink and ceramic tile backsplash. The dining room has hardwood floors, a fireplace and patio doors to a large covered deck. The double tandem garage has been converted to a storage room and workshop. Listing agent Geoff McGowan is a sales representative with RE/MAX Affiliates Realty, 613-216-1755.



**\$224,900**

### Edmonton

This corner townhouse is one of the largest units in the Brentwood Village complex at almost 1,300 sq. ft. There are two large bedrooms upstairs, along with a master and renovated bathroom. The main floor features a large living room with new laminate floors. The kitchen has been renovated with mocha cabinetry and plenty of counter space, and there's a fully finished basement. The location is close to shopping and transit. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with Re/Max River City, 780-464-0075.



# Stress-free living

What if you could have all the great features of a new house, but with the low maintenance of a condominium?

That's what new buyers of Golden Gate Estates in Winnipeg's beautiful Silver Heights in St. James are choosing.

The new development of 48 duplex bungalow and two-storey condominium homes has just started pre-sales and is attracting buyers who are looking to live stress-free.

The reception for this much-anticipated development has been spectacular to say the least — with over 250 interested parties, a quarter of the homes have been spoken for within the first week — with no end to demand in sight.

It is clear that Golden Gate Estates is filling a highly sought-after need in the marketplace for this style of living.

"Our buyers are excited to trade weekend housework like lawn maintenance, home repairs and snow shoveling for an easier lifestyle," says Marty Maykut, Vice President of StreetSide Developments, the developer of Golden Gate Estates. "We wanted to offer a similar style of living to being in a single family home, while reducing the hassle of

home maintenance."

Inside, quality details will make the homes easy and simple to move into, and a cinch to maintain.

Kitchens will sparkle with the included quartz countertops, double-basin under-mount, stainless steel sinks, and stylish Contempra cabinetry.

For buyers purchasing during the pre-sale phase, they will get to experience the one-of-a-kind opportunity to custom select their interior finishes with StreetSide's own design consultant in Qualico's 3,500+-square-foot design centre.

Residents also get to enjoy their personal outdoor spaces in walkout patios and yards — ideal for a summer barbecue or mastering the perfect garden planter. The full basements and attached garages are your place for rec rooms, additional bedrooms, work spaces and storage.

Those wanting to book appointments better hurry — because St. James enthusiasts have been waiting for this type of development to materialize. The flurry of responses has been immediate to the lifestyle and luxury these homes will afford.



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## At the heart of Silver Heights

Located in the heart of an established neighbourhood close to all amenities, Golden Gate Estates' prime location is another selling feature of this landmark development.

A short walk away, St. James Shopping Centre provides all the necessities. Head down a few blocks to Portage Avenue for St. James Village, a cluster of boutiques, restaurants, cafés and specialty stores, or find the big retailers at

the city's largest shopping mall Polo Park.

Outdoor experiences are at your doorstep too. Golf at the Assiniboine Golf Club, or take a walk through the scenic Assiniboine Park and then visit local favourite Sargent Sundae for a treat on your way home.

Visit [goldengateestates.ca](http://goldengateestates.ca) or contact Jennifer Gulay (204 794 9464) and Elliot DiDomenicantonio (204 990 2516) of Royal LePage Alliance for more information.



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# Connected at the centre of Winnipeg

There aren't many jobs out there these days that don't require high-speed Internet. It's just a necessity for many working people today.

If you're living and working in Winnipeg, a home that has an excellent Internet connection is a must. Now there's a community that is wired for the fastest high speed internet in the downtown core's rental universe: Antares Luxury Suites. The old converted hotel was a cultural mainstay of the city. Now it's a haven for tech-minded working professionals looking for a comfortable, central place to call home, where they can have all the access to online amenities they need.

"We wanted to create a place where working professionals could have access to all the tech features they need to live, work and play," says Ekeem Saad, leasing manager for Antares Luxury Suites.

If residents are working from home, they can access high-speed Wi-Fi from home, or, once construction is complete, they can head down to the Internet Cafe for residents, which provides access and a place for residents to socialize.

Other technological upgrades renters will be able to enjoy include washers and dryers



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that residents can check on via mobile app, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, and residents lounge and activity room complete with a chef's kitchen and HDTV screens. All these features are set to be up and running this fall.

Renters with pets are in luck too. Homes at Antares Luxury Suites allow dogs or cats of up to 20 lbs.

When residents at Antares Luxury Suites want to get around, they'll also have incredible

## LUXURY LIVING

Antares Luxury Suites has hotel-level finishes at affordable prices. The granite countertops, rich suite window treatments and dark-toned black and stainless steel appliances set against the espresso wood cabinets add elegance.

The impeccably appointed studio, one- and two-bedroom suites are ready to rent now starting from \$825 a month.

access to downtown Winnipeg, with a walk score of 97.

Antares residents are just steps away from Winnipeg's growing sports, hospitality and entertainment district (SHED), walkable to the Winnipeg Art Gallery, City Place Shopping Centre, the University of Winnipeg, the vibrant markets at The Forks, and the MTS Sports and Entertainment Centre, home to the Winnipeg Jets.

"We've got a buzzing cultural scene here in Winnipeg and Antares residents are well-positioned to take advantage of it," says Saad.

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# Winnipeg's summer festival fun

**Danelle Cloutier**  
For Metro

From music to food, there's lots to do this summer in between time at the cottage or big-name events.

Here's Metro Winnipeg's list of lesser-known events not to miss this summer.

- Go back to your roots with

the free BeachScape Traditional Music & Arts Festival on June 27 at Winnipeg Beach. Daytime performers hit the stage from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and span the world with traditional music from Scotland, Japan, Africa and more. The prairie Celtic rock band Plain Salt will finish off the night at the bandstand from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit [scapec.name](http://scapec.name).



**Movies in the Park.** PHOTO FROM ASSINIBOINE PARK

- Get a taste for the West End's mix of restaurants from around the world on tours from July 2 to Aug. 27. The on-foot tours begin at 6 p.m. and take about two and a half hours to visit a handful of restaurants in one night, such

as Café Dario, Casa Grande, Cookatoo's and Morden's Chocolates. Tickets are \$45 per person and drink tickets are extra. For all the delicious details, visit [westendbiz.ca](http://westendbiz.ca).

- Groove to the Soca Reggae Festival from July 10 to 12 at the Cube. Highlights include family entertainer Bubba B The MC and Idrissa and Winnipeg's calypso/world musicians, The Peace-Makers. Daily admission is \$8. For more information, visit [socarreggaefestival.ca](http://socarreggaefestival.ca).

- On July 12 and August 9, bike downtown with the Winnipeg Arts Council and tour public artworks. Learn about some of our city's majestic pieces, including From Here Until Now on the Osborne Street Bridge and Posterboards in the Exchange in the Exchange District. The tours are free but space is limited so book your spot. For more information, visit [winnipegarts.ca](http://winnipegarts.ca).

- Beach time is limited in Manitoba so when it comes to beach parties, it's hard to organize just one event. That's

why the Beach Bash in Gimli happens four times this summer. On July 18, Vancouver rock band Econoline Crush kicks off the festival. On Aug. 15, country musicians Jake Matthews and Jerry Sereda take the stage and Aug. 22, features Winnipeg's own rock icons, Harlequin. On Sept. 5, the festival ends with a battle of the bands and luau.

- From movies to music, there are more than 30 free events from June through August in Assiniboine Park. Concerts at the Lyric Theatre and Leo Mol Sculpture Garden from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. include Winnipeg rock icons Streetheart on July 3. Free movies in the park include Finding Nemo on Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. For a full schedule, visit [assiniboineparkzoo.ca](http://assiniboineparkzoo.ca).

- Red River Co-op Summer Entertainment Series offers more than 30 free concerts and events from June through August at the Lyric Theatre and Leo Mol Sculpture Garden as well as a variety of art exhibitions at Park venues. For full details, visit [assiniboineparkzoo.ca](http://assiniboineparkzoo.ca).

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**Movies in the Park during the Red River Co-op Summer Entertainment Series.** PHOTO FROM ASSINIBOINE PARK



**A concert at the Lyric Theatre during the Red River Co-op Summer Entertainment Series.** PHOTO FROM ASSINIBOINE PARK



## IN BRIEF

### CFL, players' union vow to strengthen drug policy

The CFL and CFL Players' Association will meet to strengthen the league's drug policy after it came under heavy criticism from the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The league and union made the joint announcement Wednesday with neither saying when the meetings would begin.

"As I have said since the day I was appointed commissioner, we have an unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our players, and the integrity of our game," CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge said in a statement.

WADA has been critical of the CFL for having an "irresponsible" drug policy, and on Monday, WADA director general David Howman said the league needed to overhaul a system that undermines drug education of amateur athletes by failing to suspend players who test positive while competing in other leagues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Jets to host Flames in home opener

The Winnipeg Jets will see their prairie rival Calgary Flames in next season's home opener on Oct. 16 at MTS Centre.

On Monday, the NHL released its home opener schedule for next season, and the Jets found out who their first test will be.

The Jets will start next season on the road in Boston on Oct. 8.

The NHL is expected to release their full 2015-2016 schedules on Thursday. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

### Epic awards trilogy for Canadiens' Price

Montreal's Carey Price was the big winner at the NHL awards on Wednesday, capturing the Hart Trophy, Vezina Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award.

Price became the first goaltender since Dominik Hasek in 1998 to be named MVP, top goaltender and most outstanding player as voted by the NHLPA.

In his third acceptance speech, Price smiled and said he'd run out of things to say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Pressure on Bombers to end Grey Cup drought

## CFL SEASON PREVIEW

### Big things expected with 24 seasons since last title

A 25th anniversary is usually a time for joyous celebration.

That won't be the case for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers if they don't hoist the Grey Cup in their own backyard on Nov. 29.

The Bombers are riding the CFL's longest Grey Cup drought of 24 seasons as they head into the 2015 campaign.

Hosting this year's championship game adds some urgency to a team that finished with a 7-11 record last year and missed the playoffs for a third straight season and fifth time in the past six years.

Head coach Mike O'Shea hadn't even started his 16-year CFL career the last time the Bombers claimed the Cup in 1990.

"It doesn't weigh on me," O'Shea said of the drought following Wednesday's practice.

"I'm certainly aware of it. I love the responsibility and the challenge, that's for sure. I have a great respect for the fans ... that just keep coming out and supporting us and I certainly let the team know how much these fans deserve



The Bombers got off to a 5-1 start in head coach Mike O'Shea's first season, but finished 7-11.

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a champion, so we want to be the ones that give it to them."

Winnipeg begins its quest for the elusive championship title Saturday against the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Regina, where they haven't won a game since 2004.

The Bombers have 17 new faces on their 46-man roster after an off-season that sought upgrades in a number of areas.

One of those units was the offensive line, which gave up a league-high, franchise-record

**“We have an awesome chance of going and winning.”**

Veteran defensive end  
Greg Peach

71 sacks last year. Veteran left tackle Stanley Bryant and centre Dominic Picard were highly touted free-agent signings.

Bryant left the defending

Grey Cup-champion Calgary Stampeders, where he was a CFL all-star the past two seasons.

"We're a group of guys that's willing to put it all together this year and get the job done," Bryant said.

Winnipeg will field an offensive line that also includes right guard Sukh Chungh, the team's second overall draft pick this year. Right tackle Jace Daniels played three games last year, while left

## WEEK 1 PICK

### Bombers at Roughriders, 7 p.m. Saturday

The game marks the return of slotback Jamel Richardson (knee) and starter Darian Durant, who led Saskatchewan to an 8-2 record before suffering a season-ending elbow injury. The Riders were 2-7 without Durant last season. Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea had his second full season in Winnipeg, which was 2-8 within the West Division last year.

**Prediction:** Saskatchewan.

guard Chris Greaves is in his sixth season with the club.

Receiver Nick Moore is back for a second year and fifth in the league. He called his first year with Winnipeg "a roller-coaster."

The Bombers got off to a 5-1 start, but lost 10 of their next 12 games, including an eight-game losing skid. Moore was hit by injuries and played nine games, making 44 catches for 553 yards and no touchdowns.

"But it's a new year and last year is last year," Moore said, adding the offence is developing chemistry under quarterback Drew Willy.

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## NHL

# Draft week should point direction of Jets' future

## VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson



Kevin Cheveldayoff and Winnipeg Jets management are in Sunrise, Fla., this weekend for the NHL draft, with two first-round picks in a prospect class loaded with talent. But while the focus on Friday night will be on those two selections, Jets fans will also have a much better idea of how their team will look next season and beyond after the next two weeks.

The Evander Kane trade not only helped the Jets' playoff push, it added prospects and a second first-rounder that has the team in an envious position.

Considering the track record of the GM and the "draft and develop" mantra of the organization, it seems likely the Jets will use those first rounders to add to the prospect pool. But don't rule out trades — Cheveldayoff has made a couple of moves at the draft in the past and the cap crunch some teams are facing, com-

bined with the assets the Jets have acquired, make trades a distinct possibility.

There is also the looming July 1 deadline where a number of Jets, including Michael Frolik and Drew Stafford, will become free agents. Talks have continued with representatives for both players, but the opportunity to test their value on the open market in a weak free-agent class may be too much for both to pass up. The ability to sign Frolik and/or Stafford will have a significant impact on other Jets moves

after July 1 and possibly on the draft floor.

Alex Burmistrov's name will be uttered this weekend. Remember him? After two years in the KHL, Burmistrov has indicated he'll return to the NHL this season. As a restricted free agent, Burmistrov must sign with Winnipeg unless the Jets trade the former first rounder's rights.

Cheveldayoff will meet with Burmistrov's agent Mike Liut to discuss a contract, but it is really anyone's guess as to whether he is in the Jets' plans

going forward, or simply another asset for potential deals.

In the background is the pending unrestricted free agency of captain Andrew Ladd and Dustin Byfuglien. Both a year from now. Both will be looking for raises to take them into their mid-late 30s. Players of this calibre are too valuable to lose for nothing and trades might have to be considered.

What Kevin Cheveldayoff does over the next couple of weeks will shape the team for much more than next season.



## CFL SEASON PREVIEW

## Intriguing storylines for 2015



**Ricky Ray**  
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**Henry Burris** GETTY IMAGES FILE



**Michael Sam**  
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Quarterback health, the challenge of repeating, a second-year team trying to gain respectability, some scheduling quirks and the uncertain status of a high-profile player are just some of the storylines heading into the CFL season.

#### Quarterbacking question marks

The most important position on the field remains a relative unknown for a few teams heading into 2015. Ricky Ray will start the season on the six-game injured list for the Toronto Argonauts as he continues to recover from off-season surgery on his throwing shoulder. The B.C. Lions are hoping to have Travis Lulay back under centre after two injury-plagued seasons, but no one really knows how his shoulder will hold up until he takes a few hits. Meanwhile in Saskatchewan, Roughriders quarterback Darian Durant missed the end of last season with an elbow injury, but is back after undergoing surgery.

#### Let's do it again

The Calgary Stampeders won the 102nd Grey Cup last November, but can they do it again in 2015? Only two teams have repeated since the Edmonton Eskimos won five straight titles from 1978 to 1982 — the 1996-97 Toronto Argonauts and the 2009-10 Montreal Alouettes. Life is tough at the top when everyone is gunning for you. It will be interesting to see how the Stampeders respond and if they can go back-to-back when



**Bo Levi Mitchell and the Stampeders will try to become the first repeat champions since the 2009-10 Alouettes.** JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

the 103rd Grey Cup is played on Nov. 29 in Winnipeg.

#### Redblacks reboot

The Ottawa Redblacks head into their second season coming off a dismal 2-16 campaign. The club is still led by 40-year-old quarterback Henry Burris and upgraded the receiver position in the off-season with the additions of Maurice Price, Ernest Jackson, Greg Ellingson, Brad Sinopoli and Chris Williams. But the Redblacks' success will come down to Burris, who needs to rebound after a sub-par cam-



Should the Stampeders repeat as champs, it will be the franchise's eighth Grey Cup. The Argos lead the pack with 16 Grey Cup titles.

paign where he began to show his age. Ottawa scored just 278 points last season, an average of 15.4 points per game. Ottawa sold out every home date in

2014 and fans are starved for a winner. No football team in the nation's capital has posted a record above .500 since the Rough Riders finished 11-5 back in 1978.

#### Pan Am nomads

Southern Ontario will host the Pan Am Games this summer, meaning the Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats won't play in their own digs until August. The Argonauts open the season as the home team in their matchup against the Edmonton Eskimos this Saturday,

but that one is being played in Fort McMurray, Alta. The Tiger-Cats have not lost at home since moving into Tim Hortons Field last September, and will put that unbeaten mark to the test on Aug. 3 against Toronto. The Argonauts don't play their first home game at Rogers Centre until Aug. 8 against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

#### Tedford's tempo

The B.C. Lions hired former California Golden Bears head coach Jeff Tedford after a disappointing 2014. Tedford wants his team to play at a high tempo and it will be interesting to see how his philosophies mix with the Canadian game. Tedford played and coached in the CFL, but has been away from three-down football since the early 1990s. He has brought in veteran co-ordinator George Cortez in hopes of kick-starting an offence that spent long stretches of last season stuck in neutral.

#### Sam's status

Michael Sam made headlines when he signed with the Montreal Alouettes prior to training camp. The defensive lineman was the first openly gay player ever drafted in the NFL, but he couldn't catch on there and instead looked north to continue his career. Sam's status remains unclear after he left the Alouettes earlier this month for what the team described as "personal reasons." If he returns, his first season in professional football will be one to watch.

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## 10 PLAYERS WORTH KEEPING AN EYE ON

- 1 Travis Lulay**  
The 2011 Grey Cup MVP appeared in just one game last season, re-injuring his surgically repaired right throwing shoulder. Lulay, 31, threw for over 4,000 yards in 2011 and 2012. He had 2,841 passing yards in 11 starts in 2013 before being injured.
- 2 Bo Levi Mitchell**  
Mitchell guided Calgary to a CFL-best 15-3 record and league championship, finishing his first season as the starter being named the Grey Cup game MVP. Mitchell threw for over 3,300 yards with 22 TDs and just eight interceptions in 14 starts. Calgary looks to become just the third repeat Grey Cup champion since 1996-97.
- 3 Darian Durant**  
The Saskatchewan Roughriders

were 8-2 in games Durant started last season but just 2-7 after Durant suffered a season-ending elbow injury. Durant, 32, had 4,154 yards with a career-best 31 TDs and 12 interceptions in 2013, leading the Riders to a Grey Cup championship at Mosaic Stadium.

#### 4 S.J. Green

After three straight 1,000-yard seasons, the veteran slotback had 53 catches for 835 yards and four TDs last year as Duron Carter (75 catches, 1,030 yards, seven TDs) was Montreal's big-play receiver. With Carter

now with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, Green is expected to reclaim his position as the club's go-to receiver.

#### 5 Chris Williams

The standout receiver/kick-returner is back in the CFL with the Ottawa Redblacks after spending time in the NFL with New Orleans and Chicago. The five-foot-eight,

175-pound Williams was the Canadian league's top rookie with Hamilton in 2011 before being named its 2012 top special-teams performer. Williams had 153 catches for 2,362 yards and 17 TDs while returning 90 punts for 1,198 yards with the Ticats.

#### 6 Brandon Banks

The five-foot-seven, 153-pound Banks was a one-man show for Hamilton in the playoffs. He returned

two punts for TDs in the East Division final, and then a 45-yard TD catch in the Grey Cup game.

#### 7 Austin Collie

The former NFL star is looking to resurrect his football career with the B.C. Lions. Collie had 179 catches for 1,908 yards with 16 TDs over five NFL seasons with Indianapolis and New England Patriots. The Hamilton native missed extended time in 2010 with a concussion and nearly all of 2012 the result of a torn patellar tendon.

#### 8 Solomon Elimimian

The Lions linebacker has a tough act to follow. Last season, Elimimian became the first true defensive player to be named the CFL's outstanding player after registering a league-record

143 tackles. He was also its top defensive performer.

#### 9 Jon Cornish

Despite playing nine regular-season games last year, the Stampeders star claimed a third straight rushing title with 1,082 yards. That earned the New Westminster, B.C., native a third consecutive top Canadian award after being named league MVP in 2013. A 2,000-yard season is possible if Cornish stays healthy.

#### 10 Pierre Lavertu

The first overall pick in the 2014 CFL Canadian draft enters his second year and has some big shoes to fill at centre for Calgary. The six-foot-three, 298-pound Lavertu replaces Brett Jones, the CFL's top lineman last year who's now with NFL's New York Giants. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Travis Lulay, left, and Brandon Banks**  
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## RECIPE Chicken Kebobs



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Prep time: 12 minutes

Cook time: 18 minutes

Serves: 4

## Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 3 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 4 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- 3/4 lb lean chicken cut into cubes
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into sixteen 1-inch pieces
- 1 small white onion, cut into sixteen 1-inch pieces
- 16 small mushrooms

## Directions

1. Combine the soy sauce, vin-

egar, honey, garlic, sesame and vegetable oils and water in a bowl. Add the chicken and marinate for 15 minutes.

2. Spray the barbecue with cooking oil and preheat to medium-high. Remove the chicken from the marinade. Place the marinade in a small saucepan and whisk in the cornstarch until dissolved. Cook over medium-low heat for five minutes until thick and syrupy. If too thick, add a little water. Set half of the sauce aside.
3. Thread the chicken, green peppers, onions and mushrooms alternately onto eight metal skewers. Barbecue, turning and brushing with half of the marinade frequently, for 10 to 15 minutes, or until cooked through and no longer pink. Serve with the remaining marinade on the side.

## Nutrition per serving

- Calories 199

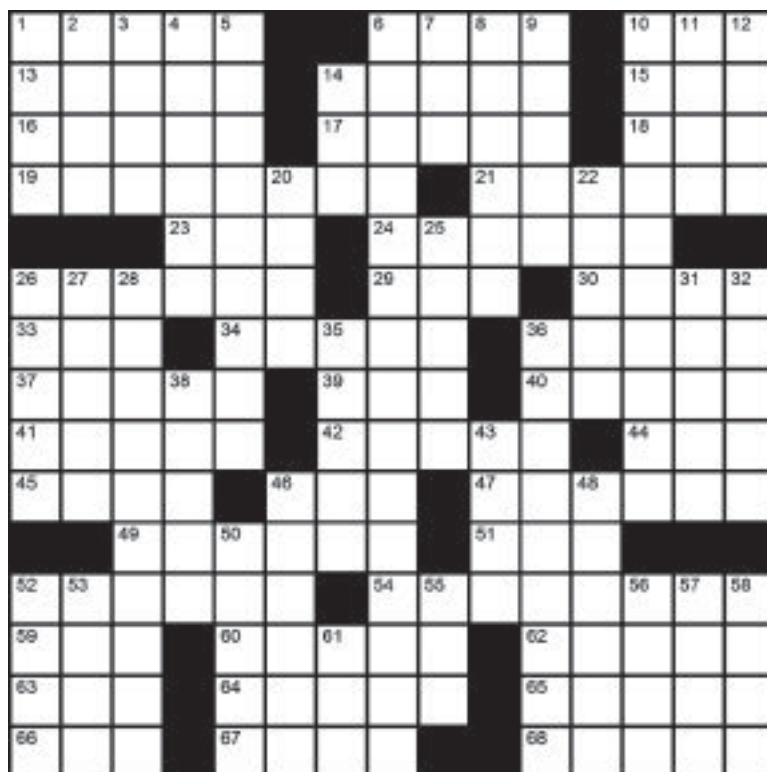
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. 'Straight'-meaning prefix
6. ...six, \_\_, huit....
10. Poetic contraction
13. "It's \_\_ the Game" by Tommy Edwards
14. Actress Maria
15. Lance of 1990s judging
16. Weather mixture
17. Make a party platter faux pas
18. Novel
19. In Edmonton, it has a man-made lake: William \_\_ Park
21. " \_\_ Street"
23. JD \_\_, Canadian rapper
24. Not-present status
26. Rocker brothers Joel or Benji
29. Bzzz-er
30. Dethrone
33. Stray
34. Vaults
36. Maison's entrance
37. Music hits list
39. Swallowed
40. Sleep \_\_
41. Pens
42. Speak
44. Corn unit
45. Perched on
46. 'Meth' suffix
47. Fierce weather events
49. Drink of the gods
51. Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.



52. Rent out your apartment
54. "Cityline" lifestyle/DIY expert, \_\_, \_\_ Allaire Perrault
59. Cubed food flavouring brand
60. Unexpressed,

- but understood
62. Jack of "The Texas Rangers" (1936)
63. Mauna \_\_ (Hawaiian volcano)
64. Petty quarrels
65. Endor in-

- habitants
66. Food fragment
67. 'Susp' suffix
68. Wives of rajas

## DOWN

1. Scratcher's woe

7. Yore
8. Puckered clothing fabric
9. Pith helmet
10. Bryan Adams' duet partner on "It's Only Love": 2 wds.
11. Thingy
12. Actor Rob
14. Lingerie purchase
20. Ms. Del Rey
22. Poke around
25. Badger
26. Holy birthplace of Muhammad
27. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
28. June 25th-28th, 2015: Tim Hortons Ottawa \_\_ Festival
31. Prepare, as broccoli
32. New Wave duo, \_\_ For Fears
35. Flora's friend?
36. RSVP-respondent, for example
38. Drive off bugs
43. Mr. Morales
46. Achieve
48. Lake Ontario city
50. Feminine 'this' in French
52. Alone
53. Wife: Latin
55. Sci-Fi beings
56. 'Konvicted' rapper
57. Ms. Taylor of modelling
58. 'Smart' suffix
61. Princess Leia portrayer ...her initials-sharers

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
How you choose to react to challenging events will determine just how challenging they are. The most important thing today is that you keep your composure no matter how annoyed you may be. If you lose your temper you lose the battle too.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You may not be the type to watch what you say but the planets warn this is not a good time to upset people for the sake of it. The closer you get to the weekend the more you need to watch your choice of words.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Do you accept a small loss now or do you take a chance and risk a bigger loss later on? That decision must be made now, because if you don't decide then someone else will for you.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
No matter what happens today you must not let anything, or anyone, get to you. Not that anything drastic is likely to occur but if something upsets you then common sense could easily fly out the window.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You seem so easily provoked of late. Why is that? Whatever the reason you must make a conscious effort to control your responses today, because if you go too far you will make enemies of people who should be friends.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may be tempted to act in ways that run contrary to your beliefs today, but whatever the material rewards they won't make up for the fact that you have strayed from your principles. Always be true to yourself.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Libra is a cardinal sign, which means you like to compete, and with Mars moving through the career area of your chart you are in no mood to take prisoners. But know your limits. Don't start fights you cannot possibly win.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Although you want to be on the move, some type of restrictions are likely to hold you back between now and the weekend. That's okay — if you start your journey too soon you may go in the wrong direction.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You need to get serious about your money situation. You may be tempted to take a risk of some kind and bet against the odds but if you do you could end up even more out of pocket than you are now.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will have to get tough with someone who is getting emotional for no good reason. If you let them carry on they will not only make a fool of themselves but could annoy people in positions of power.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Don't let your pride get in the way of asking for advice or assistance today. No one expects you to be good at everything so there is no need to expect it of yourself. A little bit of honesty now could save a lot of embarrassment later on.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You would be wise not to take too much for granted today. If you push your luck you could find you have gone over the edge and there is no way back.

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